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re: EB Docket No. 06-36

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please find enclosed an original and five (5) copies of the CPNI Compliance Certificate and the Accompanying Statement requirements for OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc., TRS #814651.

Please return a stamped copy in the enclosed SASE. If there are any questions, I may be reached on 503-612-4400.

Sincerely,

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#### Annual 47 C.F.R. Section 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification

#### **EB Docket 06-36**

Annual 64-2009(e) CPNI Certification for 2007

Date filed: February 25, 2008

Name of Company covered by this certification: COLTONTEL

Form 499 Filer ID: 803670

Name of signatory: Carl Morgan

Title of signatory: President, Board of Directors

I, Carl Morgan, certify that I am an officer of the company named above, and acting as an agent of the company, that I have personal knowledge that the company has established operating procedures that are adequate to ensure compliance with the Commission's CPNI rules. See 47 C.F.R. Section 64.2001 *et seq*.

Attached to this certification is any accompanying statement explaining how the company's procedures ensure that the company is in compliance with the requirements set forth in Section 64.2001 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules.

The company has not taken any action against data brokers in the past year. To the best of our knowledge, no pretexters have attempted to access CPNI at our company.

The company has not received any customer complaints in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI.

Signed

Carl Morgan, President

COLTONTEL Board of Directors

#### CPNI Compliance Accompanying Statement:

This accompanying statement explains how COLTONTEL's operating procedures ensure that the company is in compliance with the rules governing CPNI as found in Subpart U – Customer Proprietary Network Information – Part 64 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

COLTONTEL adheres to all CPNI rules as stated in section 64.2001 – 64.2011 concerning the proper use of our customer's CPNI. Specifically, our notice for use of CPNI approval process meets all requirements as listed in Section 64.2008. To further protect our customer's privacy, we have implemented all safeguards required in Section 64.2009. This includes:

- The implementation of a system by which the status of a customer's CPNI approval can be clearly established prior to the use of CPNI;
- The training of appropriate personnel as to when they are, and are not, authorized to use CPNI and the documentation of this training;
- The implementation of an express disciplinary process for CPNI violations up to and including termination;
- The maintenance of a record, for at least one year, of our own, and our affiliates' sales and marketing campaigns;
- The establishment of a supervisory review process regarding carrier compliance with the federal CPNI rules for outbound marketing situations; and
- The establishment of annual certification by a corporate officer with personal knowledge of COLTONTEL's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the federal CPNI rules.
- The establishment of procedures for notification of the Commission of any instance where opt-out mechanisms, do not work properly, to such a degree that consumers' inability to opt-out is more than an anomaly.

COLTONTEL is including its CPNI Manual, without the sample Forms, as further detailed explanation of how its procedures ensure that it is in compliance with the rules in Subpart U of Part 64, of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

# **Colton Telephone Company**

# CPNI POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Approved b	y:		
Peggy Tu	rner	12/8/07	
General Manager		Date	
Effective	12/8/07		

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## **Definitions**

This Colton Telephone Company (hereinafter COLTON TEL) CPNI policy manual relies on the following definitions:

- (1) **Account information.** "Account information" is information that is specifically connected to the customer's service relationship with COLTON TEL, including such things as an account number or any component thereof, the telephone number associated with the account, or the bill's amount.
- (2) Address of record. An "address of record," whether postal or electronic, is an address that the carrier has associated with the customer's account for at least 30 days.
- (3) **Affiliate.** The term "affiliate" means a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.
- (4) **Breach.** When a person, without authorization or exceeding authorization, has intentionally gained access to, used, or disclosed CPNI.
- (5) **Call detail information.** Any information that pertains to the transmission of specific telephone calls, including, for outbound calls, the number called, and the time, location, or duration of any call and, for inbound calls, the number from which the call was placed, and the time, location, or duration of any call.
- (6) Communications-related services. The term "communications-related services" means telecommunication services, information services typically provided by COLTON TEL and services related to the provision or maintenance of customer premises equipment.
- (7) **Customer.** A customer of COLTON TEL is a person or entity to which COLTON TEL is currently providing service.
- (8) Customer Premises Equipment (CPE). The term "customer premises equipment (CPE)" means equipment employed on the premises of a person (other than a carrier) to originate, route, or terminate telecommunications.
- (9) **Customer Proprietary Network Information.** The term "customer proprietary network information" means
  - (A) information that relates to the quantity, technical configuration, type, destination, and amount of use of a telecommunications service subscribed to by any customer of COLTON TEL, and that is made available to COLTON TEL solely by virtue of the COLTON TEL-customer relationship; and
  - (B) information contained in the bill pertaining to telephone exchange service or telephone toll service received by a customer of COLTON TEL; except that such term does not include subscriber list information.
- (10) **Data broker.** A person or business that offers for sale CPNI obtained by pretexting.

- (11) **Data bureau.** A company that provides information technology services to telecommunications carriers, specifically billing services and customer record detail. Data bureaus typically have access to call detail CPNI (see Independent contractor).
- (12) **FCC.** The acronym "FCC" refers to the Federal Communications Commission.
- (13) Independent contractor. Any person or business that may provide services to telecommunications carriers. This includes, but is not limited to; joint venture partners and independent contractors for the purposes of marketing communications-related services to a customer; billing services; customer record detail; central office equipment vendors; engineering; and construction. Independent contractors typically have access to call detail and/or non-call detail CPNI.
- (14) Information services typically provided by COLTON TEL. The phrase "information services typically provided by COLTON TEL" means only those information services that are typically provided by COLTON TEL, such as Internet access or voice mail services. Such phrase "information services typically provided by COLTON TEL," as used in this manual, shall not include retail consumer services provided using Internet website (such as travel reservation services or mortgage lending services), whether or not such services may other wise be considered to be information services.
- (15) Joint venture partners (short term alliances of telecommunications carriers) and independent contractors (see Independent contractors) for the purposes of marketing communications-related services to a customer. A specific subset of persons or businesses that provide marketing services to telecommunications carriers. Any marketing use of CPNI by this subset must have opt-in approval by the affected customers.
- (16) Local exchange carrier (LEC). The term "local exchange carrier (LEC)" means any person that is engaged in the provision of telephone exchange service or exchange access. Such term does not include a person insofar as such person is engaged in the provision of a commercial mobile service under section 332(c) of TA-96, except to the extent that the Commission finds that such service should be included in the definition of such term.
- (17) **Opt-in approval.** The term "opt-in approval" refers to a method for obtaining customer consent to use, disclose, or permit access to the customer's CPNI. This approval method requires that COLTON TEL obtain from the customer affirmative, express consent allowing the requested CPNI usage, disclosure, or access after the customer is provided appropriate notification of the COLTON TEL's request consistent with the requirements.
- (18) **Opt-out approval.** The term "opt-out approval" refers to a method for obtaining customer consent to use, disclose, or permit access to the customer's CPNI. Under this approval method, a customer is deemed to have consented to the use, disclosure, or access to the customer's CPNI if the customer has failed to object thereto within the waiting period described after the customer is provided appropriate notification of COLTON TEL's request for opt-out consent consistent with the rules.

- (19) **Password.** The term "password" means a secret word or sequence of alpha and numeric characters which is used to limit access to a customer's account to authorized individuals.
- (20) **Pretexting.** The term "pretexting" means the practice of pretending to be a particular customer or other authorized person in order to obtain access to that customer's call detail or other private communications records.
- (21) **Readily available biographical information.** "Readily available biographical information" is information drawn from the customer's life history and includes such things as the customer's social security number, or the last four digits of that number; mother's maiden name; home address; or date of birth.
- (22) **Subscriber list information (SLI)**. The term "subscriber list information" means any information
  - (A) identifying the listed names of subscribers of COLTON TEL and such subscribers' telephone numbers, addresses, or primary advertising classifications (as such classifications are assigned at the time of the establishment of such service), or any combination of such listed names, numbers, addresses, or classifications; and
  - (B) COLTON TEL or an affiliate has published, caused to be published, or accepted for publication in any directory format.
- (23) **COLTON TEL or carrier.** The terms "COLTON TEL," or "carrier" shall have the same meaning. For CPNI this term shall include provision of interconnected VoIP service.
- (24) **Telecommunications service.** The term "telecommunications service" means the offering of telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used.
- (25) **Telephone number of record.** The telephone number associated with the underlying service, not the telephone number supplied as a customer's "contact information."
- (26) Valid photo identification. The term "valid photo identification" means an official identification document issued by a federal or state governmental agency that identifies the holder of the document that includes a photograph of sufficient clarity to positively identify the holder of the document.

## **Company Policy Regarding CPNI**

COLTON TEL has chosen not to use CPNI data that enables the company or its affiliates to market additional products or services. Accordingly, COLTON TEL's personnel are trained not to use CPNI for such purposes. Because CPNI is not used for marketing purposes, COLTON TEL has established the appropriate safeguards for this type of treatment (non-use) of CPNI data. These safeguards include documentation of this policy in this manual and training of COLTON TEL personnel with regard to non-use of CPNI data.

In this effort, the Company must follow all applicable FCC rules as contained in Subpart U – Customer Proprietary Network Information – of Part 64 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Specific COLTON TEL procedures are as follows:

#### **BUSINESS CUSTOMER EXEMPTION**

COLTON TEL does not have dedicated customer service representative for business account. All business accounts will be handled in the same manner as residential accounts.

#### **ACCESS TO CPNI DATA**

Access to CPNI data is limited to employees or entities with the requisite proper authorization as allowed by FCC rules. Any employees or entities with CPNI access must operate under policies that require nondisclosure of confidential information. Improper use or disclosure of CPNI by employees is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

## **Marketing Programs**

No COLTON TEL marketing campaigns are related to CPNI. As a logical outcome of this policy, COLTON TEL uses neither opt-in nor opt-out approval from customers with regard to any marketing.

Contact the General Manager if you are uncertain as to the type of information you can use in marketing services to customers.

#### **CUSTOMER NOTICE AT INITIATION OF SERVICE**

Customers are informed during the initiation of service with COLTON TEL that their CPNI data is not used for marketing purposes. Customers receive annual reminders (Form 8-WO) of this CPNI policy.

#### **CUSTOMER NOTICE**

Adequate notice with respect to customer CPNI rights and COLTON TEL's duty to protect CPNI is provided in COLTON TEL's telephone directory. In addition, a CPNI notice is printed periodically on the customer's billing statement.

# RECORD OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF CPNI

All customer complaints concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI will be logged (Form 9) and retained for a period of five years. This information is summarized and included with COLTON TEL's annual certification to the FCC.

### Release of Call Detail Information (Forms 7-W or 7-WO & 8-W or 8-WO)

#### CUSTOMER INITIATED TELEPHONE ACCOUNT ACCESS

Release of any CPNI information requested by the customer via a telephone call is prohibited except when:

- the requesting individual provides the password of record; or
- the information will be sent via mail USPS to the customer's address of record; or
- COLTON TEL will call the telephone number of record and disclose the call detail information.

If the customer has forgotten their password or does not have a password established, COLTON TEL can proceed with routine customer care procedures if the customer can provide <u>all of the call detail information</u>. COLTON TEL will not disclose any call detail <u>other than the information the customer disclosed</u> during that particular contact.

#### RETAIL LOCATION ACCOUNT ACCESS

Customers or their authorized contacts as allowed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 – Section 222(c)(2) must have a valid, government issued photo identification, such as a driver's license, passport, or comparable ID to obtain CPNI information.

#### ON-LINE ACCOUNT ACCESS

COLTON TEL requires an on-line password to protect on-line access to CPNI. Passwords will be designed by the customer and will consist of alpha and numeric characters, which will have one upper case and one numeral, with a minimum of 8 characters and a maximum of 30 characters.. On-line passwords are not required if the customer chooses to receive call detail information via either of the two methods above.

COLTON TEL will authenticate both new and existing customers seeking on-line access to their CPNI.

COLTON TEL can reinitialize existing passwords for on-line access but will NOT base on-line access on readily available biographical or account information. This procedure will relate to all customer information, not just call detail.

On-line access to CPNI will be blocked after three (3) unsuccessful attempts to log on. The lock out is for a period of 30 minutes.

#### NOTIFICATION OF ACCOUNT CHANGES

COLTON TEL will notify (Form 5) any customer <u>immediately</u> of any account changes including password, customer response to company designed back-up means of authentication, on-line account, address of record, and any other record that may be created or changed. This notification will be through a voicemail or by USPS mail to the address of record as it was prior to the change.

New customers are exempt from this notification at service initiation.

#### PROCEDURES TO PROTECT AGAINST PRETEXTING

Pretexting is the practice of pretending to be a particular customer or other authorized person in order to obtain access to that customer's call detail or other private communications record. COLTON TEL has employed the above procedures and safeguards in order to achieve reasonable measures designed to discover and protect against pretexting.

#### **Annual Certification**

COLTON TEL will certify annually (Form 2) compliance to the CPNI rules. This certification will be filed with the FCC and will be made publicly available by request.

COLTON TEL's annual certification will be signed by an officer as an agent of COLTON TEL, stating that he/she has personal knowledge the company has established operating procedures that are adequate to comply with the FCC CPNI rules.

In addition to the annual certification, COLTON TEL will provide an accompanying statement explaining how the company's procedures ensure the company <u>is or is not</u> in compliance with the FCC's CPNI rules. In the explanation, COLTON TEL will include:

- the training employees receive to protect CPNI.
- the disciplinary process applicable to improper disclosure of CPNI.
- other measures relevant to demonstrate compliance with the FCC's CPNI rules.

#### Notice of Unauthorized Disclosure of CPNI

COLTON TEL is required by FCC rules to notify law enforcement of any CPNI breaches no later than seven (7) days after a reasonable determination of a breach has occurred. COLTON TEL will send an electronic notification through the central reporting facility to the United States Secret Service (USSS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This notification will include a description of the CPNI that was disclosed, how the breach was discovered, an analysis of the sensitivity of the breached CPNI, and any corrective measures taken to prevent recurrence of such breach.

Responsibility to notify USSS and FBI has been assigned to the General Manager.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF CPNI SECURITY BREACHES**

- (1) Notification of law enforcement agencies (Form 3). COLTON TEL will notify law enforcement of a breach of its customers' CPNI as stated in this section of COLTON TEL's CPNI manual. COLTON TEL will not notify any of its customers or disclose the breach publicly, whether voluntarily or under state or local law or these rules, until it has completed the process of notifying law enforcement as required and spelled out below.
- (2) Limitations. As soon as practicable, but in no event later than seven (7) business day, after reasonable determination of the breach, COLTON TEL shall electronically notify the United States Secret Service (USSS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) through a central reporting facility. This will be done through the FCC's link to the reporting facility at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/eb/cpni">http://www.fcc.gov/eb/cpni</a>.
  - a) Notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, COLTON TEL shall not notify customers or disclose the breach to the public until 7 full business days have passed after notification to the USSS and the FBI except as in the following two parts of this section.
  - b) If COLTON TEL believes that there is an extraordinarily urgent need to notify any class of affected customers sooner than otherwise allowed under the above paragraph of this section, in order to avoid immediate and irreparable harm, it shall so indicate in its notification and may proceed to immediately notify its affected customers only after consultation with the relevant investigating agency. COLTON TEL shall cooperate with the relevant investigating agency's request to minimize any adverse effects of such customer notification.
  - c) If the relevant investigating agency determines that public disclosure or notice to customers would impede or compromise an ongoing or potential criminal investigation or national security, such agency may direct COLTON TEL not to disclose or notify for an initial period of up to 30 days. Such period may be extended by the agency as reasonably necessary in the judgment of the agency. If such direction is given, the agency shall notify COLTON TEL when it appears the public disclosure or notice to affected customers will no longer impede or compromise a criminal investigation or national security. The agency shall provide in writing its initial direction to COLTON TEL, any subsequent extension, and any notification that notice will no longer impede or compromise a criminal investigation or national security and such writing shall be contemporaneously logged on the same reporting facility that contains records of notifications filed by carriers.
- (3) Customer Notification (Form 4). After COLTON TEL has completed the process of notifying law enforcement as listed above, it shall notify its customers of a breach of those customers' CPNI.
- (4) Recordkeeping. COLTON TEL will maintain a record, electronically or in some other manner, of any breaches discovered, notifications made to the USSS and the FBI as defined

in the above section of this manual, and all notifications made to customers. This record must include, if available:

- a) Dates of discovery and notification.
- b) A detailed description of the CPNI that was the subject of the breach.
- c) The circumstances of the breach.
- d) COLTON TEL will retain the record for a minimum of 2 years.
- (5) Supersede. This section does not supersede any statute, regulation, order, or interpretation in any State, except to the extent that such statute, regulation, order, or interpretation is inconsistent with the provisions of this section, and then only to the extent of the inconsistency.

## SAFEGUARDS BY COLTON TEL

#### **CUSTOMER RECORDS**

Customer service records will clearly establish customer CPNI approval. Record of this approval will be kept for a minimum of one year. The record is designed by COLTON TEL's service bureau, which is MidAmerica Computer Corporation (MACC).

All personnel of COLTON TEL will be trained annually or upon commencement of employment regarding CPNI policies. These policies include when the employee is authorized to use and when they are NOT authorized to use CPNI. Any infractions of COLTON TEL's CPNI policies will be reported to the General Manager and a record will be made of the infraction(s) and the disciplinary steps taken.

Disciplinary policy will be as follows:

#### **CUSTOMER RELATIONS**

Our reputation is built on excellent service and quality work. To maintain this reputation requires the active participation of every employee. As a representative of the Company, employees will conduct themselves in a professional manner. Employees must be courteous and respectful to customers and fellow employees at all times.

Employees should listen carefully to customer inquiries and complaints and then deal with them in a responsive, professional manner. If a customer should become unreasonable, abusive, or harassing, and the employee cannot resolve the problem, the customer should be referred to the employee's supervisor. Employees are also encouraged to report recurring customer-related problems to their supervisor and should be prepared to make suggestions for problem-solving changes.

#### CONDUCT

Employees are expected to be respectful and professional in their conduct during work hours and where they are known as a representative of the Company.

Following are examples of conduct which violate our standards of conduct for employees. This list is not complete. If you engage in the conduct listed, or in conduct the company feels is similar to the kinds of conduct listed, you will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including possible termination:

- a. Insubordination;
- b. Dishonesty;
- c. Unauthorized use, removal or destruction of Company property or the property of other employees;
- d. Failure to safeguard Company assets;
- e. Excessive tardiness or absences;
- f. Leaving work without prior authorization;

- g. Violation of safety rules or failure to follow safety procedures;
- h. Possession, sale or use of intoxicants or illegal drugs on Company premises, in Company vehicles or while on Company business;
- i. Reporting for work or working while intoxicated, under the influence of illegal drugs or intoxicants, or otherwise unfit for duty;
- j. Threatening or abusive language or actions;
- k. Sexual harassment or harassment based upon an employee's membership in any protected class;
- l. Falsification of Company records;
- m. Off duty conduct which in the Company's view interferes with performance or negatively reflects on the reputation of the Company;
- n. Inability or unwillingness to get along with other employees;
- o. Fighting or horseplay;
- p. Violation of any Company rule, policy or practice whether written or unwritten;
- q. Unauthorized overtime work;
- r. Not cooperating with a Company investigation;
- s. Forgery or alteration of any document or account;
- t. Misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies or other property of the Company;
- u. Impropriety in the handling or reporting of money or financial transactions;
- v. Disclosing confidential and proprietary information to outside parties.
- w. Improper protection of confidential and proprietary information.

We believe our rules and expectations are clear. If, however, you have any questions concerning the application or intent of these rules, please consult your supervisor. Your cooperation in observing our work rules and standards for conduct will make disciplinary action unnecessary.

The Company many, as the Company deems appropriate, issue verbal or written warnings, suspend, demote or terminate any employee or take other disciplinary action against any employee.

#### **CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION (CPNI)**

Employees are required by law to protect the confidentiality of CPNI. Violators will be subjected to disciplinary action, up to and including possible termination or suspension. An employee who intentionally violates this policy will be considered in breach and will be subject to immediate termination. The Company is serious about protecting CPNI and we look to employees for support of this policy. Employees who observe, have knowledge or even suspicion about an individual's negligence, are to immediately report the incident to their supervisor. Retaliation against employees for raising concerns under this policy will not be tolerated.

#### INTERFACE WITH CALEA COMPLIANCE

In order to comply with certain Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) rules, COLTON TEL has engaged the services of a trusted third party provider. This third party provider is involved in the event of a request for certain types of surveillance activities by Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs).

COLTON TEL has added the following addendum to its third party provider CALEA contract: "Whereas COLTON TEL is required by law and its company policies to protect the privacy and security of the information regarding its customers,

To the extent that Intelleq, in rendering services for COLTON TEL receives customer proprietary network information, as that term is defined under 47 U.S.C. Section 222 and interpreted by the FCC ("CPNI"), Intelleq shall maintain the confidentiality of such CPNI according to the policies and procedures implemented by COLTON TEL. Intelleq shall promptly delete from its records any CPNI that is received by Intelleq which is not delivered to an LEA pursuant to a lawfully authorized intercept request."

#### **INTERFACE WITH CONTRACTORS**

COLTON TEL has occasion to utilize contractors for specific projects needed to conduct its business. COLTON TEL requires all its contractors to include the following language in all agreements with COLTON TEL:

"Whereas COLTON TEL is required by law and its company policies to protect the privacy and security of the information regarding its customers,

To the extent that [Name of Contractor], in rendering services for COLTON TEL receives customer proprietary network information, as that term is defined under 47 U.S.C. Section 222 and interpreted by the FCC ("CPNI"), [Name of Contractor] shall maintain the confidentiality of such CPNI according to the policies and procedures implemented by COLTON TEL. [Name of Contractor] shall promptly delete from its records any CPNI that is received by [Name of Contractor] in its engagement with COLTON TEL."

## TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES

#### **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

The company provides training to employees on the proper use and disclosure of CPNI. The company also provides written documentation of CPNI policy on the company's internal website.

Included as a part of the employee training is the need to communicate to company employees that the customer is provided the opportunity to restrict company or affiliate use of CPNI data. The customer decision regarding COLTON TEL use of CPNI use will not affect COLTON TEL's provision of any current customer services.

COLTON TEL specific CPNI training will be provided annually and with each newly hired employee. Documentation of training (Form 1) will be kept on file for a period of at least five years.

## ANNUAL REVIEW BY COMPANY MANAGEMENT

COLTON TEL treats customer privacy as a serious issue. COLTON TEL is proud of its long history of reliable, trustworthy service and is vigilant in the steps that will be taken to ensure customer privacy. Accordingly, COLTON TEL policy requires this CPNI Policy Manual to be reviewed on an annual basis. This review is conducted at a time set by the General Manager each calendar year.

The General Manager's annual review will include, but may not be limited to a review with GVNW Consulting, Inc. and a review with the Board of Directors.